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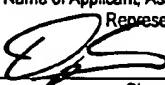
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: IMAGE TAKING APPARATUS  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2006, which provides for a response period ending November 10, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: